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SUBJ: RUMORED SENEGALESE MEDIATION EFFORT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 2260 (NOTAL)

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS, TRISTAN D'ALBIS, INFORMED US SEPTEMBER 30 THAT HE CONSIDERED BOTH THE SENEGALESE AND SAUDI MEDIATION EFFORTS TO BE STILL ALIVE THOUGH HE THOUGHT THEIR CHANCES FOR SUCCESS WERE SLIGHT. HE SAID THAT THE GREATEST POSSIBILITY FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION AT THE PRESENT TIME WOULD BE ONE BY QADHAFI. THIS WILL NOT MAKE BOUMEDIENNE (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS INCREASINGLY ISOLATED ON THE SAHARA ISSUE) HAPPY, HOWEVER, AS WHAT HE WANTS FROM QADHAFI IS UNQUESTIONING POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

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2. D'ALBIS SAID THAT WHAT MADE A QADHAFI INITIATIVE THE MOST PROMISING IS LIBYA'S FINANCIAL LEVERAGE AND THE POSSIBLE APPEAL TO BOUMEDIENNE OF AN ALTERNATE STRATEGY OF ENDING THE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN ALLIANCE AFTER WHICH MAURITANIA, POLITICALLY WEAKENED, WOULD BE A RELATIVELY EASY TARGET FOR SUBVERSION. UNDER THIS STRATEGY PRESSURE ON MOROCCO WOULD RESUME AFTER THE

INSTALLATION OF A FRIENDLY REGIME IN NOUAKCHOTT.
D'ALBIS CONCLUDED ON A PESSIMISTIC NOTE SAYING THAT HE
DID NOT THINK ANY EARLY SETTLEMENT LIKELY.
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